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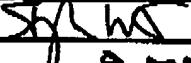
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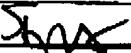
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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of 13 February 2003. No fees are believed to be due. If any are required, please charge them to Deposit Account 15-0450.

This response is made under the proposed revisions to 37 CFR 1.121, issued on 31 January 2003.

The response has the following parts:

**Amendments to the Specification** - none made;

**Amendments to the Claims** – beginning on page 2;

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